Target for power generation capacity

1497. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to have action plan for the next one year so that all the steps are taken to ensure that 11,000 mw of power generation capacity targeted during 2008-09, is achieved;

(b) if so, the details of measures worked out; and

(c) to what extent Government is confident of achieving this target during one year and to what extent it would help in reducing the power shortage in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The target set for capacity addition during the year 2008-09 is 11061.20 MW comprising of 3570 MW in Central Sector, 4054.20 MW in State Sector and 3437.0 MW in Private Sector. The Government has strengthened the monitoring of the projects to ensure their timely completion. Some of the important measures taken are as follows:

- The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has appointed designated nodal officers to be associated with each on-going project, who continuously and closely monitor the progress at site through frequent visits and regular interaction.
- Intensive review meetings are regularly organized by the Ministry of Power along with CEA, the Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) and other stakeholders to review the critical milestones associated with each on-going project.
- A Power Project Monitoring Panel (PPMP) has been set up to independently follow up and monitor the progress of the critical projects.

(c) The Government is confident that a substantial part of the target for the year 2008-09 would be definitely achieved. It is estimated that the energy shortage in the country would be reduced from 9.9% during 2007-08 to 8.8% by the end of 2008-09.

Hydro power potential in Brahamaputra basin

†1498. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an assessment of potential of hydro power generation in Brahmaputra basin has been made;

(b) if so, the extensive details thereof;

(c) the present potential of power generation in this basin; and

(d) the power generation potential of the projects which are under construction in this basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the studies carried out by the Central Electricity Authority during 1978 to 1987, the potential of Brahmaputra Basin was assessed at 66,065 MW in terms of probable installed capacity from 226 identified potential schemes. The river sub basin-wise details are given below:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.